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TASK FORCE PUTS FOCUS ON POVERTY

A TASK force is being set up to tackle poverty and low life-expectancy in two isle wards.

On average, people in Cliftonville West and Central Margate are expected to live 17 years less than those in some other parts of Kent, according to a report going to Thanet council's cabinet tomorrow night (Thursday).

It details how the structure of the new Margate Task Force will be made up and what its goals will be as the council looks to transform the wards.

The team will be the only one of its kind in Kent and serve to improve the two wards, which have a combined

■ BY TOM BETTS

population of about 12,300 people.

The report states that "the focus of the project will be to develop a cross-Government approach to find ways to embed the 'Big Society', localism and decentralisation in delivering for deprived neighbourhoods".

One key aim will be to drive down the number of small, privately-rented flats, which now represent 82 per cent of the wards' housing stock.

There could also be as many as 800 empty properties and the two areas have high crime rates

A housing enforcement team will make up part of the task force and could operate on a budget of some £500,000 over two years.

Out of the UK's 8,214 district wards, Margate Central is the 63rd most deprived, with Cliftonville West the 118th – the key killers in the wards are put down as circulatory disease and cancer.

Chris Wells, of Thanet council, said: "This has to make a difference. The amount of private-housing-sector rental is rising, which is not good, and we have poor-quality housing springing up, so steps have to be taken to combat that, as well as other problems."



A QUIET WORD IN YOUR SHELL-LIKE

The hidden chambers and passages of Margate's Shell Grotto are among the sites listed as being at risk in the latest survey by English Heritage.

Thousands of sites and monuments have been assessed across the country and Thanet has several that are in danger. The conservation body says finding funding in the current economic climate is difficult and affecting its work.

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NAKED AMBITION: The nude roller-coaster record attempt will be at Adventure Island

The bare-faced cheek of Dave's roller-coaster record attempt

A FORMER Dreamland Scenic Railway brakeman and long-term campaigner to save the park is embarking on another roller-coaster ride. But the difference is that this time he won't be wearing any clothes.

Dave Collard will be taking part in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most number of people riding naked a roller-coaster while also raising funds for charity.

The record stands at 32 and was set on Nemesis at Alton Towers in 2004. The attempt, involving 40 people, will be on the Green Scream roller-coaster at Adventure Island, Southend, on Sunday.

The aim is to raise funds for the Southend Hospital Charitable Foundation's Bosom Pals appeal.

It is hoped to raise £750,000 to bring modern imaging and diagnostic equipment to the breast-care unit.

In addition to providing two digital mammography machines, the appeal will also fund the latest X-ray and biopsy equipment, enhancements to scanning machines and an improved environment for patients.

"My target is to raise £300 and

every couple of pounds pledged really helps," said Mr Collard.

"I'm also hoping that one day in the not too distant future we'll be able to stage a new record attempt on the rebuilt Scenic Railway."

The Green Scream is a custom design and was the first of the main rides at the park to be built, in the late 1990s.

It does not turn the rider upside down and the drops are not as steep as some roller-coasters, but it is a good all-round family ride.

The cars are green with a red interior apart from the first one, which is red and has a glass-fibre crocodile to represent Snappy, a park mascot.

The back of the rear car has the tail of the crocodile and the train comprises 20 cars, seating two people each.

• To support the roller-coaster bid, click on www.justgiving.com/David-Collard

Paedophile jailed after assaulting young girls

A CLIFTONVILLE man has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment after admitting sexually assaulting two young girls.

Dean Forrester, of Gordon Road, was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court on Friday (July 30).

The unemployed 44-year-old is also now a registered sex offender and will appear on the Sex Offenders Register for the rest of his life.

The offences took place in Thanet in November last year and involved girls under the age of eight.

Detective Sergeant John Cooper said: "Kent Police remain determined to seek out those individuals who abuse children.

"We are committed to identifying offenders and bringing them before the courts."



ABUSER: Dean Forrester has been imprisoned

Dalby Square homes plan is ready to view

A NEW planning application to convert the former Warren Court Hotel and land in Dalby Square into homes has been received by Thanet council.

The application sets out plans for 12 three-bedroom houses and the conversion of 21-23 Arthur Road to eight two-bedroom flats.

The plans can be viewed by visiting Thanet's Gateway Plus in Cecil Street, Margate, from 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, with extended opening until 8pm on Thursdays and from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays.

The deadline for comments to be received is Friday, August 20, and the application is likely to be considered by the council's planning committee in September.

Ball gives comic's holiday charity a £10,000 boost

FOXHUNTER Park in Monkton has donated £10,000 to Kent comedian Dave Lee's Happy Holidays charity after a successful charity ball.

Happy Holidays sends underprivileged children and their families on holiday and has given some 45,000 people trips since it was formed in 1994.

A donation of £1,000 was also made to an appeal funding better health care for women and babies, in support of cyclist Kerstin Zahn, who will be covering 300 miles of challenging

terrain around the Chinese capital of Beijing in October.

The presentation of £10,000 was made last month.

Generously

A spokesman for the appeal said: "Foxhunter Park would like to thank everyone involved in the ball – guests, staff, suppliers and, most importantly, all the people who gave generously to help us reach such a large amount for the charities we chose to support."



ON THE FUNNY SIDE: Dave Lee with Jane Stacey, company director of Foxhunter Park

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Rockers show they can still capture the spirit of the age

Hawkwind are back on tour

■ BY NICK AMES

ONE of the most underground yet influential groups in rock music are celebrating a new lease of life.

Forty years on from various members selling hats on Margate seafront or working at Dreamland, pioneering space-rockers Hawkwind have a CD in the charts and a tour of the UK lined up.

Latest release *Blood Of The Earth* – the band's 35th official album – has proved so popular among long-term fans and new followers it has been re-released just weeks after its initial sale as a double CD with a bonus live disc.

And the band are set to headline their own festival, Hawkfest, on the Isle of Wight later this month.

A 13-date tour of the country will then take place throughout December, with a final date at London's HMV Forum.

The band trace their history back to the squats and communal-living scene of London's Ladbroke Grove in the late 1960s.

But they also have a connection with Margate amid the chaos of mods-and-rockers riots.



BACK IN THE DAY: Hawkwind trace their history back to the late 1960s; above right, Robert Calvert makes his point

Londoner Dave Brock, guitarist and vocalist, has been ever-present since the band were formed, taking in their incarnations as a heavy-rock outfit, synthesiser-based avant-garde group and punk and trance pioneers.

Two of his most colourful cohorts have their origins in Thanet, however.

"I worked in Dreamland, the amusement park in Margate – did a bit of work on deck-chairs, beach photography, that sort of thing," said poet and vocalist Robert Calvert, who used to take to the stage dressed in robes and a flying helmet looking like a "combination of

Lawrence of Arabia and Biggles", according to music-magazine NME.

Calvert knew sax-player Nik Turner, who used to disrobe on stage and played an instrument with a light in it, while in Margate.

"Nik was selling funny hats at the time," said Calvert, who died in Ramsgate of a heart condition.

The two played together at various stages of the band's convoluted line-up history, but both were there in the early years.

Turner said: "1967 saw me working on the beach in Margate in Kent. It was full of speed-



freaks, mods, alcoholic daytrippers from east London, rockers on their big bikes. And me working on the seafront selling stuff, playing sax sometimes, hanging out with all sorts, and I eventually got bored so I went to Holland."

The duo later made their way to London, eventually meeting up with busker Brock.

The band had an original audience largely drawn from the hippy and squatters groups of London and were famous for playing for free and taking part in benefits for various left-leaning causes.

Legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix praised their unlisted and unscheduled performance at the Isle of Wight festival, while Sex Pistol Johnny Rotten always said he was a fan of the band. The Pistols then covered Hawkwind's biggest hit, *Silver Machine*, on a reunion tour.

Dance and drum'n'bass musicians have all acknowledged their debt to the band, while larger and more popular rock bands have followed in their tracks when it comes to light shows and stage effects.

But no band have ever followed up the unique stage-dancing of former member Stacia, who would move her naked painted body in time to the music for the duration of the two-hour sets.

Artists can look seaward to take exhibition place

ARTISTS are being invited to submit their work for this year's SeaART 2010, which will go on display in Ramsgate this month.

The themes to this year's exhibition are 'marine life' and the 'coastal and marine environment', with the successful submissions going on display from Friday, August 13, to Wednesday, August 25.

The event will be launched at the Belgian Café, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.

Organised by the Thanet Coast Project, SeaART is in its seventh year and the project is looking for all types of exhibits of contemporary visual artwork, sculptures, installations and photographs.

There is no cost for artists to exhibit and artists can submit up to three pieces of work.

As part of SeaART 2010 there are SeaART workshops aimed at children aged four to 14 in which participants can create marine masterpieces out of plaster of Paris and fish out of willow.

These take place in the Thanet Coast Project marquee over the weekend of the Monster Bass Festival on Saturday and Sunday, August 14-15 – just drop in and get creative!

These workshops are run with support from the Big Lottery Fund.

Treating pain is no longer a headache

MOST people have headaches at some point, while more than half suffer on a monthly basis.

Now a leading headache clinic is to be expanded to provide relief to more patients in east Kent.

The clinic at Bethesda Medical Centre in Margate was launched by Dr Andrew Dowson in November 2007.

Dr Dowson is the director of headache services at King's College Hospital in London and is the clinical lead for the East Kent Headache Service.

One of only a handful of doctors in the country who specialises in working with headache patients full-time, Dr Dowson's clinic means patients who are suffering regularly from headaches can get care closer to home without being referred unnecessarily to hospital neurology departments.

In the past year, he has seen more than 840 patients and they can now be referred from across Thanet, Dover, Deal, Sandwich and Shepway.

Just one of his previous patients has been referred to neurology.

Dr Dowson said: "There are many different patterns of headaches. Patients can suffer from migraines, tension headaches, cluster

headaches or chronic headaches, which can be incredibly disabling – the majority of which do not have a sinister cause.

"Migraine is in the top 20 illnesses listed by the World Health Organisation as having the biggest affect on someone's quality of life.

"I work with patients to identify the cause of their headaches and then attempt to break the cycle of chronic headaches and supply effective rescue treatments.

"One-third of referrals to neurology are headache patients, which is not only costly for the NHS but unnecessary for the patient."

Now, thanks to investment by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, Dr Dowson is looking to expand the service and train a GP to work at a satellite clinic in Ashford.

Available on the Choose And Book system, GPs from across NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent can refer patients to the clinics.

Deborah Bateson, lead commissioner for neurosciences and adult therapies, said: "These clinics not only provide better care for the patient in a more comfortable and convenient setting but are also a more cost-effective way of providing this care."

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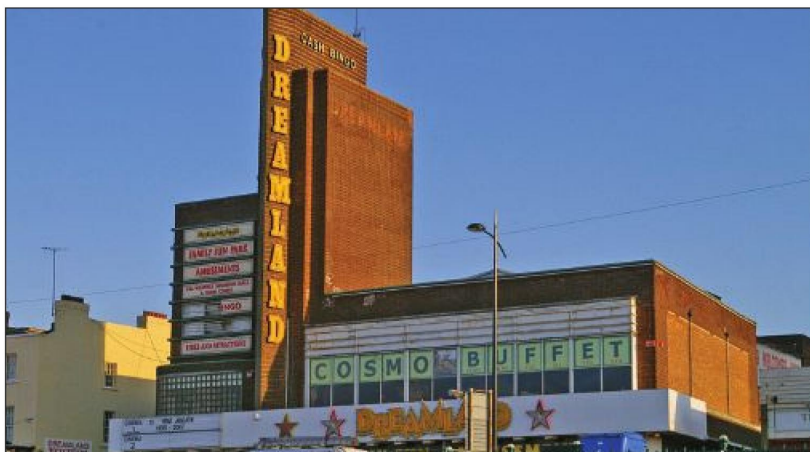
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IN NEED OF SUPPORT: Dreamland is one of the more modern sites that will be at risk if work is not carried out

Heritage left to crumble in the financial crisis

ANGLO-SAXON graves, prehistoric barrows and Martello towers are among more than 100 heritage buildings and sites across Kent at risk of falling down or being destroyed.

English Heritage has highlighted the monuments, castles, cathedral buildings or fortifications that could be lost unless restoration work is carried out.

And experts say the economic situation is making it harder to obtain money to support the work, with many contractors unable to take on jobs unable to complete repairs that have already been started.

Among the 113 sites under threat are Martello towers numbers 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9, which are sited along the coast between Folkestone and Hythe.

The impressive Western Heights fortifications in Dover are also in a precarious state, as is Fort Burgoyne in Guston and St Radigunds Abbey, Hougham.

Ancient sites – including graveyards – in Great Mongeham, Worth, Sutton Hill, Swingfield and Lympne are also on the list.

The Shell Grotto in Margate is another site with problems – while the more up-to-date Dreamland Cinema has also been highlighted. Period properties along Sandgate high

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street, which has a number of impressive buildings, also have problems.

But Westenhanger Castle's barn has been removed from the list after extensive work.

The 2010 list is the third that English Heritage has compiled and development pressure is taken into consideration as well as neglect and decay.

Andrew Brown is planning and development regional director for the South East for the conservation group.

He said: "The global financial recession and its consequences are having an impact on progress in dealing with Heritage At Risk."

"Funding is becoming ever more difficult to obtain and competition is increasing for scarce public grants and subsidies."

"It is also becoming harder to find developers with the will and resources to take on the most difficult cases."

"At some sites, even though plans have been agreed, work will not start until the economy recovers."

"Elsewhere, improvement or repair work has been partially completed when contractors have gone into receivership."

Mr Brown said that safeguarding the country's heritage would be difficult even when the country emerges from recession.

Victims memorial 'will still happen'

A MEMORIAL will still be placed at the site where serial killer Peter Tobin buried two of his victims, says Thanet council.

Tobin, 63, is serving three life sentences for murder, including those of 15-year-old Vicky Hamilton and 18-year-old Dinah McNicol, who he buried in the back garden of 50 Irvine Drive, Margate.

Vicky and Dinah's remains were discovered in 2007 and Tobin was later arrested and told by the judge at his trial he would die in prison.

However, despite reports that the council had rejected plans of a memorial, officers insist it is still very much on the agenda.

Brendan Ryan, director of community services, said: "The council has the deepest of sympathies with the families of both Dinah McNicol and Vicky Hamilton. No one can

■ BY LUKE KYTE

begin to imagine what they have been through over the course of many years. We are working closely with them on the plans for a memorial to ensure they are involved."

While the Margate house has been let to new tenants who are fully aware of the property's horror history, it is still undetermined where a memorial would be placed or when it would be unveiled.

Even with Tobin behind bars, police are still hunting for more bodies – they have just ended a search of two properties in Brighton, where Tobin lived during the 1980s.

The search, which found nothing, was part of an investigation named Anagram.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Emin prints in government

SOME of the work of Margate artist Tracey Emin is now gracing the walls of a senior member of the coalition government.

The office of Ed Vaizey, the new culture minister, has two prints depicting Margate and he says they remind him of holidays taken in the town with his aunt.

He decided on two prints by Emin – Margate 1 Sand and Still Love You Margate – and his office is also decorated with a cartoon entitled The Mystery Of British Culture, by Adam Dant.

Emin recently announced her disillusionment with the previous Labour government and stated she had become a firm supporter of the Conservatives.

Mr Vaizey said: "I chose Tracey because she's one of the country's most eminent artists, and a friend, and the pictures are of Margate, where I used to go on holidays with my auntie."

Store plugs into recycling

SAINSBURY'S is encouraging isle customers to recycle phone-chargers.

In the first campaign of its kind, the supermarket has introduced phone-charger recycling banks at all of its stores.

A spokesman said: "Over the following four weeks, we hope to collect and recycle over 150,000 chargers in total."

"This is our latest Make The Difference Day, an initiative which means every Sainsbury's joins together to campaign over a specific environmental issue."

Singer reveals almost all

TICKET-holders to JLS's gig in Margate witnessed the band's Oritse Williams carry out a forfeit for losing a World Cup bet – by performing in his underwear.

Halfway through the set at Quex Park the singer was forced to walk out on stage in nothing but his underclothes in front of some 15,000 fans.

The punishment was a result of him losing the band's World Cup bet in which each member of the band picked the team they thought would score the most goals at this summer's competition, held in South Africa.

Having picked England – who scored just three times – Oritse was the loser.

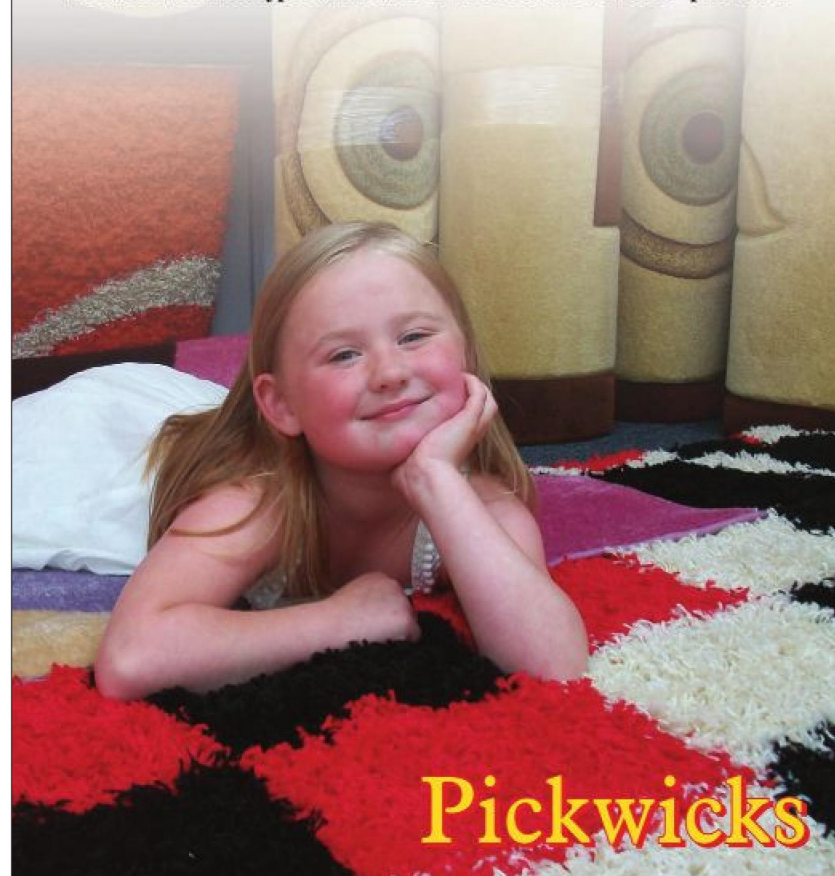
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Tenants urged to have a say



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Champagne corks were popping at Court Mount Park Home Estate in Birchington as staff and residents celebrated winning a national award. The park, run by Russell Saunders, was selected over hundreds of entries to earn the Best Park In Great

Britain 2010 title. Mr Saunders said: "We're very proud and it's all down to the efforts of the owners, managers and residents. "It's a happy park with extremely happy residents. It's secure and only five minutes from the town. It's just a lovely lifestyle."

THERE are just weeks left for council tenants and leaseholders to give their views on proposed changes to housing services – with a chance of winning £100.

A second consultation newsletter and survey is being delivered this week to all council tenants and leaseholders in Thanet, Dover, Canterbury and Shepway. The newsletter summarises the councils' proposals to set up an 'arms length management organisation' (ALMO) to manage their housing services.

It also answers questions from tenants about what is being proposed and gives another chance to complete the survey and win high-street shopping vouchers worth up to £100.

Substantial

The councils say the aim is to make improvements to housing services received by more than 18,000 tenants and leaseholders in east Kent, as well as achieve estimated savings of some £1.5 million.

More substantial savings could be achieved in later years through new repairs contracts and bringing together administrative services.

By law, these savings have to be invested into improving housing services.

The proposals will also mean more convenient access to hous-

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ing services on weekends and during evenings, a greater say for tenants in how things are run and an increased role for tenants and leaseholders in setting the standards for the service they receive.

For the proposal to go ahead, a majority of tenants and leaseholders must support the plans.

More than 50 face-to-face events have already been held, supported by telephone and newsletter surveys.

Project manager Paul Bartlett said: "Whether you've already filled in a survey before or not, we still need to hear your views."

"We want to improve the services on offer to tenants and leaseholders and believe these proposals will do that."

"We want a housing service people can be proud of and is one of the best in the country."

Surveys are being sent to all tenants and leaseholders and can be returned by post.

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The closing date for surveys to be returned is Friday, August 13.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q Tell us a little bit about yourself

A I was born in February 1914, in Norwich, Norfolk. I went to the Gateway School in Leicester and won a scholarship to Leicester College of Art

I love music and play the accordion, piano and electric keyboard. After college I worked as a lithographic artist before becoming a graphic designer in Leicester.

I joined the Army at the outbreak of the Second World War and was sent to Wales, where I was trained in the art of map-making and then given the task of drafting invasion maps.

Q What is your preferred method of painting and how do you choose what to paint?

A I love to use airbrush and I like to work flat on a table. I am not a purist and love to mix gouache, watercolour, pen-and-ink and poster paints.

I love to experiment with colour and effects. My 3D work involves anything I can get my hands on and I am an avid collector of brightly coloured, interestingly textured bits and pieces of all kinds.

I love working in clay, and glazing is of special interest. I paint from my imagination and, of course, I have many years of observation and experience of the world around me to draw on.

Q How do you find the energy to keep painting and how long will you carry on?

A Well, it's a case of needing to create, it's part of who I am. Energy comes with enthusiasm and a flow of ideas, which I'm not short of. I am still passionate about my work, politics and life in general. As long as I can hold a brush and have a need to express myself visually, I guess, is the simple answer to that.

Q How does it feel when people say they enjoy your work?

A Well, it pleases me to know that I have created something out of my imagination that speaks to people in some way. To please others is always rewarding.

I have a Facebook fan page created for me and when I read the lovely comments there it makes me really happy.

Q How long have you lived in Thanet?

A About 15 years. I moved here from London to be to be near to my family.

Q What do you like and dislike about the area?

A I like the beautiful sunsets and the connections with art and creative people.

I don't like the fact that the seaside isn't like it was in my young day – a vibrant and exciting place. A seaside holiday was so exciting

back then. It's so sad to see the decline and also the lack of work for our young generation.

Q Who or what inspires your work?

A Flowers and rainbows and some of the beautiful and exceptional things that exist in this world of ours.

If you look at a forget-me-not under the magnifying glass, it's staggeringly beautiful.

Q How long do you spend on each painting, and when do you know it is finished?

A My largest pencil drawing took about 700 hours. My paintings vary depending on the size and how complicated they are.

I don't think it is easy for a creative person to know when a piece of work is finished. It's never good enough or really finished. You just somehow manage to prize yourself away from it. I think it's finished when I get the urge to start something else to take its creative space.

Q Do you have any exhibitions at the moment?

A Yes. I am exhibiting in a mixed show in Quex Barn until Tuesday, August 24. I will also be having my own one-man show in Ramsgate – details will be announced shortly on my website, www.cyrilparfitt.co.uk. I then hope to exhibit in London, where my work has always been popular.

Q & A

The 96-year-old artist talks to **Tom Betts** about his early career, his inspiration, which he derives from nature, how long he spends on a painting and his sadness at the demise of the isle's seaside resorts

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Lost in good causes

THREE east Kent charities have received a cash boost from the police property fund.

Chief Superintendent John Molloy presented cheques to Kent Kids Miles of Smiles, Canterbury Swimming Club and Dyslexia East Kent Support (DEKS).

Each received £400. Kent Kids Miles of Smiles helps disabled children and runs a care home. The money will help pay for a sensory room, offering a stimulating environment for the children.

Canterbury Swimming Club will buy new pool equipment, while DEKS will be putting the money towards assessment software at the drop-in centre.

The police property fund is raised through the sale of all unclaimed lost property. It is sold after a set period and any money raised is redistributed annually to charity and community projects.

Missing laptop plea

POLICE are appealing for information after a burglary in Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs.

A Toshiba laptop valued at £800 was taken, along with a Sony digital camera valued at £50, between 5pm and 6.20pm on Friday, 18 June.

The computer belonged to a student from Thailand who was staying as a guest. The computer's keys and primary language are Taiwanese and the laptop is useless to anyone who does not speak the language.

The owner has been distressed by the theft and police want anyone who may know the whereabouts of the laptop to contact Margate police.

If you can help, please phone 01622 690690 quoting reference EY/009448/10. Alternatively, call the confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

Motor-cruiser towed to safety after engine fire



SAFE HARBOUR: The Snipe is towed in to Ramsgate by the Margate all-weather lifeboat after the engine compartment blaze

MARGATE lifeboat was called to the aid of a motor-cruiser after fire broke out in its engine compartment.

The 25ft Snipe was on passage from Ramsgate to Gillingham on Wednesday last week when on-board alarms alerted the boat's single occupant that there was a fire in the engine compartment.

Investigation showed smoke coming from the engine. The motor-cruiser was about a mile off Margate at the time.

The occupant sealed off the compartment and activated the fixed fire-fighting system before radioing coastguards at Dover who alerted Margate RNLI.

Sealed

The lifeboat was on the scene within 30 minutes and two lifeboat crew-members were put aboard The Snipe to make an assessment of the situation. Although there was no longer any obvious sign of fire, the deck and structure of the craft were still hot.

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At Ramsgate, the lifeboat crew and sailor were met by coastguards and it was established for certain that the fire had been extinguished.

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Sounds like Folk Week

Top line-up of local and international acts ready to entertain the masses at the 45th Broadstairs Folk Week festival, which is starting on Friday

■ BY TOM BETTS

FOLK fans will be heading down to Broadstairs for the famous annual music festival.

The town's streets will be buzzing for seven days as artists and musicians head for the sea-side to entertain the crowds.

The event starts on Friday (August 7) and runs until the following Friday (August 13)

The bill is as jam-packed as ever, and star names from the world of folk and country who have been booked include Martin Simpson, Chris While and Julie Matthews, Dogan Mehmet, Rachel Harrington, Pama International, Show of Hands, UN.I.T.E., The Demon Barber Road Show, The Shee and many more.

Raucous

Top comic and former Young One Adrian Edmonson will also play with his band, The Bad Shepherds, for the more raucous fans, but it is not just the quality of the music that will delight festival-goers.

International artists of some acclaim will be joined on the week-long roster by local acts, who always find an appreciative audience.

The week has become as famous for its location, the warm welcome and friendly nature, as well as fine food and drink.

Some of the attractions will require tickets, but many are free as the town's pubs



FOLK FORCE: Clockwise from above, Dogan Mehmet, The Demon Barber Road Show, Martin Simpson and Pama International are among the bands and artists playing at Broadstairs Folk Week – just don't miss it!

and venues come alive with a host of activities, from workshops for the young and old to a craft fair.

There is an option to camp at the nearby campsite a few minutes' walk from the town centre, but the more casual enthusiast can turn up any time of the day for a wander around the charming streets to take in the atmosphere.

The festival will open on Friday, but the now-traditional torchlit procession through town takes place on Saturday, starting at 10pm from Pierremont Hall.

It ends at the bandstand by Victoria Gardens on the seafront.

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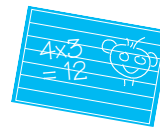
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BREAK TIME



DRESSED UP: Pupils from Christchurch primary school in Ramsgate demonstrate Tudor clothing

Festival makes the Tudors fun

HUNDREDS of pupils peered into life in the past as they travelled to the Tudor festival at Dover Museum.

More than 350 primary-school children from across the county travelled to Dover over three days to learn more about the Tudor way of life.

A series of drama workshops was held, alongside the opportunity to make a clay sculpture of Henry VIII's head and a chance to learn about musical instruments, toys and games from the period.

The young visitors were encouraged to turn up in Tudor fancy-dress and given the chance to explore the museum.

Pupils draw on creativity with double gold awards

TWO schools in Sandwich have been awarded Artsmark Gold by the Arts Council England.

Sandwich technology school and Sandwich junior school are two of the 1,676 schools in England that received an Artsmark award this year in recognition of their commitment to, and excellence in, arts education.

Veronica Gomez, head-teacher of Sandwich technology school, said: "I'm delighted the Arts Council has recognised the dynamic arts-education programme on offer in Sandwich."

"Students have particularly enjoyed working with Josephine Buchan and Phil Hornsey in our hugely successful school production of Les Misérables, which transferred to the Gulbenkian Theatre in July.

"This is just one example of the exciting learning opportunities on offer and I would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work in achieving this award.

"Artsmark is more than simply a mark of distinction to us – taking part in the scheme

■ BY NICK AMES

has enabled us to develop our arts provision and see the students who take part become more self-confident, engaged and excited about learning."

Sheilagh Roberts, head-teacher at Sandwich junior school, said she was "exceptionally proud of both students and staff" and felt the benefits associated with excellent arts provision were best summed up by her students.

"We have a lot of clubs that involve different arts, but I love the drama club," she said. "I like it because I can be someone else if I want to," said Orla Garner of year 5.

"I loved doing the Aboriginal art because it's a different form instead of just concentrating on lines. I liked the challenge of drawing silhouettes instead of portraits," said Jonathan Gwilym, of year 6.

Elliott Bottle, also of year 6, said: "I also enjoyed the Aboriginal art and using animation as a stimulus.

"My teacher is clever at hiding challenges in a fun way."

"We have a lot of events where we can sing and show off our talent," said Eboni Gibbs of year 6.

And Megan Cantle of year 6 added: "We may not all be brilliant at drawing, but we have lots of opportunities to make things. I loved making my Clarice Cliff-inspired pottery."

Alan Davey, chief executive of Arts Council England, said: "We believe the earlier children are creatively inspired, the more likely they are to have a lifelong engagement with art – something that can transform lives and give young people a voice for their thoughts.

"Artsmark – now nationally recognised as a prestigious and coveted award – sets the standard for outstanding arts provision and it's great to see so many schools attaining the award.

"This award recognises the commitment of both schools in providing exciting art experiences and their belief in the power of creativity."

Variety show will display talent of young performers

YOUNGSTERS in Ramsgate are out to prove they have the X Factor when it comes to performing on stage.

Pupils at Newington community primary school are getting ready to take the spotlight in Newington's Got Talent, their end-of-summer-term variety talent show inspired by hit TV show Britain's Got Talent.

Heats will be held in every class, with the most popular act chosen to represent their classmates in the grand final.

These class acts will perform before the school as well as a panel of three judges drawn from the community.

The winner will receive a trophy and certificates will go to all performers.

Head-teacher Cliff Stokes said: "We get to see all sorts of acts including singing, comedy and dancing.

"The standard is very good and the show is a great deal of fun for us all. It is really popular and the children can't wait for the final.

"It is a great way to end the school year on a really high note."

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Pub times review to end drinking culture

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

A REVIEW of 24-hour drinking has been welcomed by the voice of Kent's police officers, who branded the legislation "a mistake".

Ian Pointon, chairman of the Kent Police Federation, said late-night boozing had created more problems than it had solved and resulted in fewer officers being available to fight crime during the day.

His comments follow the announcement by Home Secretary Theresa May that the Government is to crack down on binge-drinking and give communities more power to oppose 24-hour pubs and clubs.

The proposals could also spell the end for antisocial behaviour orders (Asbos).

Mr Pointon said: "I think the introduction of 24-hour drinking was a mistake.

"The idea was that we would somehow develop a Continental café culture, but that hasn't happened, especially in town centres.

"The feedback I've received from officers is that they've had more problems with people since the 24-hour laws came in.

"They're also working into the early hours, which means they're not available at other times of the day.

"It's time to say let's have a long, hard look at the licensing hours, coupled with the drinking culture in this country."

Mr Pointon's criticism is shared by Kent's former Chief Constable Mike Fuller, who warned against its introduction in an interview with KOS Media back in January 2005.

In a follow-up discussion in April 2006, Mr Fuller said: "I think the Government and the health authorities are going to have a very difficult task in changing the culture where young people go out and get totally drunk."

According to the Home Office, about one million alcohol-related violent crimes were committed last year, with a fifth of all violent incidents taking place in or around a pub or club.

Mrs May's licensing plans also include forcing late-night bars to contribute to policing costs and street-cleaning, as well as a ban on the selling of alcohol below cost price.

The latter suggestion will come as a blow to supermarket bosses who use cut-price beer and alcopop deals to lure shoppers into buying other goods from their stores.

Mr Pointon said some such offers were "irresponsible" – a view shared by the operations director of the Thanet-based Thorley Taverns pub chain, Phil Thorley.

He said: "I think 24-hour drinking is a bit of a myth because so few 24-hour licences have been issued.

"It's easy to blame everything on 24-hour drinking when it's the below-cost selling of alcohol in supermarkets that is at fault. You've only got to enter a park at night to see who is drinking and the problems it creates.

"Below-cost selling is good for supermarkets, but it's a real danger to our society."

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"Now we are seeing the benefits that regular consumption of two

apples a day can have in helping reduce cholesterol levels."

American Tammi Flynn, a dietician and author of the 3-Apple-A-Day book, claims an apple before every meal will help us lose three times the amount of weight than dieting attempts without the apples. She claims a triple dose of apples a day helped 376 people lose 6,312 pounds in 12 weeks.

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YOUR LETTERS

Shame on the filthy people of Ramsgate

I was lucky to have a French friend come and spend a long weekend with me in Ramsgate.

The first day I took her to Broadstairs we walked from King George VI park to Broadstairs all along the top grass verges overlooking the sea and kept going until we arrived at the Victorian fair.

She was very impressed with the beach and the community effort of the fair. The weather was idyllic and we walked back along the sea wall, up the steep incline until we arrived at Dumpton Gap then home.

On Sunday we went to Sandwich, walked all round the 'Circular Sandwich Walk' and along the river. It was spotless, and she was especially pleased to see the cleanliness of Sandwich.

We didn't see one piece of rubbish – just the well-kept gardens and politeness of the walkers.

After a picnic lunch we drove to Pegwell and proceeded to walk along the sea road to Ramsgate via the docks and eventually to the marina.

My friend was astounded at the beauty of all the boats and the tranquillity and ambience.

Unfortunately, this was shortly broken when we began to mingle with the people at the end of the pier, the filth of discarded drink cans, fast-food containers, chips and food thrown everywhere – even three disgusting nappies just left by the roadside.

My friend could not believe how people could be so dirty from one part of Thanet to another, especially as litter-bins were standing a few yards away and not full.

It was even worse when the carnival had left and people moved away. I had never, in the 37 years of living in Thanet, seen such filth and disrespect from so many people, just leaving all their rubbish for someone else to pick up, especially when others had given them hours of entertainment for nothing.

I was impressed at the number of rubbish-bins distributed around Ramsgate, so there was no reason for this kind of behaviour.

I was ashamed, especially as this is my home town. My friend was so impressed with the rest of Thanet and Sandwich, but so many people in Ramsgate thoroughly let the whole of Thanet down. Shame on you all.

Thanet council, it is time you started heavily fining people for their dirty habits – nip it in the bud before it gets any worse.

Twenty years ago we never had this problem, so why should we accept it now!

The rest of Europe does not have to put up with this, so why should we? Our people have had it too easy for too long – they need to be punished for their crimes, and dropping litter is a crime.

Carole Russell
Ramsgate

your blogger

Motoring institute should stick to issues of driving rather than that of cyclists, says Gary Wright



THE Institute of Advanced Motorists is busying itself with the habits of drunk cyclists this week under the clever headline 'Pedals and Pimms don't mix'.

With absolutely no figures to back it up, Neil Greig, the IAM's director of policy and research, called for, well, more research into cycling accidents.

As the director of research, if he wants more research, don't tell us, just get on and organise it.

I was shocked to read you can be fined up to £1,000 for riding your bike on the road while drunk.

I have never seen such a court case and understand it's a technical issue of being in control on a public road, which would cost a fortune to gain a conviction – and I don't think our busy cops will bother.

Equally, I am surprised that IAM is bothering with this issue.

The IAM (that's the institute of smug drivers, not a pet food manufacturer) points out "though drink-driving is socially unacceptable, many people would not think twice about cycling after consuming more than the legal blood-alcohol limit for driving".

And, there's another nugget of advice contained in its statement to the Press, where it points out that a lot of drunk cyclists will be riding home in the dark, "increasing the dangers involved".

It also says that if the cyclist is in a collision with another vehicle, "you are likely to come off worst". Well, who'd have guessed?

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Don't take away our 'councillor' title

As an elected independent councillor for Birchington Parish Council, I strongly question the legality of a recent motion, proposed by parish-council chairman Brian White, that says the use of the title 'councillor' is only to be used in official parish-council business.

I agree that a councillor should not use their position to further their own private business, but my colleagues and I are concerned that this could be used as a way of controlling the nature of the work taken up by elected councillors.

For example, if I took up the case of someone who feels they are being discriminated against because of their lifestyle choices, and the parish council does not approve of me doing this, all they would need to do is say that it's not official council business, thus denying my democratic right to call myself a councillor.

I have spoken to the chairman of the Thanet Area Parishes committee, who had this to say: "I know that a number of town and parish councillors across the isle are concerned about this draconian proposal, and although it really doesn't have any teeth, maybe we should be asking parish councillor White why he thinks he should have these special powers."

Jean Fleming
Birchington

I've spotted mystery red balloon, too

In response to last week's letter 'Who else spotted Broadstairs UFO?', I have seen the 'red balloon' on at least three occasions, hovering high up, almost behind the Albion Hotel, then moving slowly towards the sea. It then seems to burn out.

I am in my 70s and don't believe in UFOs. Is it a sophisticated balloon or kite, or maybe something to do with Manston airport, or some sort of marker?

Mrs Y Laffineur
Broadstairs

People, not gulls, to blame for problem

I found last week's letters very amusing concerning Tom Betts and his comments about seagulls.

I sympathise with Tom about the menace of the gulls, but I also agree with many readers that gulls are part of living at the seaside.

Like so many people living in Thanet, gulls have got completely out of control.

It is the behaviour of some human beings that has made the gulls so unacceptable.

Twenty years ago, people didn't sit on the gutters and eat chips out of polystyrene containers or other fast-foods and leave them lying in the streets when they went home. In fact, people just didn't eat

between meals or drink on the streets, except for an occasional ice-cream while on holiday.

The disgusting habits of humans now, dropping food rubbish everywhere they go, have enticed gulls to be a pain in the butt.

Walking my dog on the beach a few years ago, a gull, with no provocation, swooped from the top of the beach and attacked me. I had five stitches put in my head.

Please don't think you are on your own, Tom Betts. There are many who would just love to rid this planet of gulls and certain so-called human beings who act like pigs – they are the ones who have caused all the trouble.

Name and address
supplied to the editor

Big Society just an excuse to cut costs

Prime Minister David Cameron's idea that people should be setting up charities and social-enterprise companies to run services that should be provided by the state will mean poorer services in all areas.

What happens where there are shortages of volunteers?

We need to tax fairly and close tax havens, actions which if taken would generate more resources and prevent spending cuts and job losses.

Two years ago, 56 post offices were closed across the county. Now Mr Cameron wants unemployed people to reopen them with a little help from the Government.

This is at a time when start-up capital for new enterprises is very difficult to obtain. More recently, the cuts in the police force have seen the loss of 200 training places.

These are essential jobs, but is the Government suggesting these should be covered by volunteers?

Areas that are already more deprived will simply not be able to take on the role of the state in providing services themselves.

The funding won't be there and we will see further inequality.

The Big Society idea is simply an alibi for privatisation and a refusal by the Conservatives and Lib Dems to provide fair and equitable distribution of essential services.

Simon Marchant
Kent Green Party

Disturbing questions about exam papers

NCT, the UK's largest parenting charity, has highlighted concerns that school exam papers may have been subject to the influence of commercial organisations.

The charity has come across two recent exam questions presenting inaccurate information that would benefit formula milk companies.

One of the questions, in a GCSE chemistry paper, presents a label for a fictional packet of infant formula milk as the basis for a question about calcium carbonate.

On several counts the information on this label is in contravention of UK regulations. For example, it claims the milk is 'pure and natural' and makes nutritional claims not permitted in UK advertising.

Charities working to support mothers who want to breastfeed are also negatively caricatured in the guise of "Mrs I M Right", founder of fictional organisation "Responsible Mothers Are Us".

The marking criteria for this paper only judge a student's ability to interpret the information, with no room to dispute the claims.

In another example, a SAT paper in Key Stage 3 demonstrates bias towards formula over breast milk, claiming fair comparisons between the two when the information is presented without context.

We are concerned that these questions present inaccurate and misleading information, by bodies that are highly trusted as an authority on these matters.

The GCSE paper in particular carries incorrect information that seems so inappropriate and so biased that it suggests the influence of formula companies.

We want to see these questions and others like them removed, and regulations created to ensure no question can contain bias that would assist a commercial company.

We are also offended at the misrepresentation of charities, which are required to demonstrate benefit to the public.

NCT has already submitted its concerns to Ofqual and the Charity Commission, with a request for a detailed investigation into commercial influence on exam papers.

Belinda Phipps
NCT chief executive



ONCE synonymous with slow Sunday drivers and tractors holding up the traffic, country roads were the means of escape from the urban grind.

But new figures have revealed they are now the scene for two-thirds of all fatal crashes, where motorists have put their foot down despite not knowing what was round the corner.

And as well as the tragedy of the deaths, a massive £1.6 million is spent on each fatal casualty alone.

To warn people of the dangers, a country-roads campaign has been launched by Kent Highway Services which looks to push home the message to drivers not to take speed to the limit.

Campaigners say the main reason for such a high proportion of fatalities is the inappropriate use of speed in constantly-changing driving conditions.

Steve Horton, Kent Highway Services road-safety team-leader, said: "The campaign is designed to reach everyone who drives in Kent. All drivers use a country road at some point."

Kent Highway Services hopes the campaign will make drivers realise the many hazards on rural roads.

THE Queen has given Royal Assent to a new law that allows authorities in Kent to shut down roads to allow big movies to be shot.

It has been greeted as great news for the county, which has become the first area outside London to gain the unusual power.

Films are big business and the Kent Film Office boasts that it has created £14 million for the county already since it was set up four years ago. This figure has reportedly been achieved through films paying for scenes to be shot in the county and the spin-off to local economies from visitors keen to see the locations.

Recent major movies made in Kent, at least partially, include *The Other Boleyn Girl*, at Penshurst Place, Dover Castle and Knole Park, starring Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson and Eric Bana; *Reese Witherspoon in Vanity Fair*; *Daniel Craig in The Golden Compass*; and *Sherlock Holmes at the Historic Dockyard Chatham*, starring Jude Law and Robert Downey Jr.

There have also been several other

BY MARIJKE COX

smaller titles like *The Calling* with Ramsgate actress Brenda Blethyn alongside Rita Tushingham, Amanda Donohoe and Academy Award-nominated Susannah York.

The BBC has also made films and series in Kent, including *Emma*, which starred Michael Gambon, Romola Garai and Jonny Lee Miller; and *Is Anybody There?*, in which Michael Caine played an elderly man grappling with his own mortality.

Poirot was filmed in St Margaret's Bay near Dover, while Bob Hoskins and Sean Wilton starred in *Ruby Blue*, which was filmed in Thanet.

The floodgates could now open for many more titles. Hollywood is constantly looking to England for unusual locations, but closing roads is always a red-tape hurdle that can take weeks to overcome. With the new law in place, it can be done much faster, theoretically making Kent much more attractive to producers.



Kent County Council said the push for the law showed its passion and support for business and the local economy by maximising the multi-million-pound benefits from the industry. It became an Act of Parliament much earlier than expected after passing through without objection, the authority said.

The Film Office reassured residents they would not be edited out of the loop and would be consulted should an application to close their road be made.

KCC said that, while the law gave legal powers to close roads, the Kent Film Office would continue to work with residents and businesses and take their needs into account.

Tanya Oliver, director of strategic development and public access, said: "This is really exciting for Kent. We can now offer filmmakers a real flexibility to meet their needs and that's going to make us an even more attractive prospect. I think our county is set for stardom that will benefit everyone."

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Thanet's Live Music Scene



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Friday 13th August

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Saturday 14th August

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Friday 20th August

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Dressing up is optional while taking part costs **£5 per person**.

All proceeds go to Martha. Spectators are welcome and refreshments will be available throughout the morning.

The **80s Exercise Extravaganza** takes place from **9am to 12pm** at Warden House Primary School, Deal.

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Discover Kent history

DISCOVER eight elements of Kent on King's English Magical History Tours.

The Canterbury company is offering guided tours on themes like the White Cliffs of Dover, Jane Austen's inspiration, the garden at Sissinghurst and the world of Charles Dickens.

Tours cost £35. For details go to www.kingsenglishretail.co.uk/tours or call 01227 840444.

Step out for charity

WALKERS can raise money for charity on the North Downs Walk Challenge on September 12.

The 17-mile route leads from the Wye Downs to Capel-le-Ferne in aid of the Caldecott Foundation which cares for vulnerable people. Entry is £15. Call 01303 815634 or go to www.thecaldecottfoundation.co.uk/northdownswalk.

Invitation to writers

ASPIRING writers are invited to take part in the Friends of the Folkestone Book Festival short story competition.

Entries must be up to 1,000 words and it must be a fictional, historical story connected to the Roman or Anglo Saxon settlements in Kent.

Email entries to shortstory@friendsoffolkestonebookfest.co.uk or hand them in at Waterstone's in Sandgate Road by October 1.

Theatre workshops

CHILDREN can tread the boards or work behind the scenes at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate this summer.

The school holiday theatre workshop will run from Monday, August 16 to Thursday, August 19 and is open to ages four to 16. Admission is £60 per child.

Call Trudi on 01843 855000 or go to www.granvilletheatre.com for details.

Farming world guests

FARMING World is expecting some special visitors this week.

Today visitors can meet creepy crawlies and on Thursday children can bounce around during Inflatables Day. Mrs Back 2 Front will appear on Friday, before Magic Week starts on Monday.

To find out more call 01227 751144 or visit www.farming-world.com.

Twice the music talent

LOCAL guitar and vocal duo, Veronica Cowper and Jamie Moore, will be performing in Broadstairs next Wednesday.

South African vocalist Cowper and guitarist Moore, who hails from Canada, can be seen at the Lord Nelson at 3pm. Admission is free. To find out more visit www.jamie-moore.com.

Film fun for families

ENJOY great films in the open air when Freedayz returns to the Lower Leas Amphitheatre in Folkestone.

Family classics will be screened free this Sunday and on Sunday, August 22, after being decided by public vote. To find out more and see how young people can get involved in the project, visit www.freedayz.co.uk.

Celebrate folk in festival week

BROADSTAIRS FOLK WEEK

Friday, August 6, to Friday, August 13

Various venues, Broadstairs



BROADSTAIRS explodes with colour and music again this week when the annual Folk Week festival returns.

Now in its 45th year, the hugely popular festival will play host to more than 600 musicians, singers and dancers when they flock to Thanet to be part of the fun.

From big name stars like Martin Simpson, Show of Hands and Adrian Edmondson with his Bad Shepherds – whose concert has already sold out – to the up-and-coming acts, Folk Week is packed with more than 500 events.

Whatever their age, festival-goers are sure to find something to entertain and enthral them during the week. There has been a particular focus on provision for children and young people this year, which means that every member of the family can discover the joy of folk.

Kim Headley, the festival's artistic director, said: "There's good news for budding young performers, as we have taken a good look at our children's programme and given it a few tweaks."

"Shooting Roots will run workshops for youngsters aged eight to 12 and 13 to 17 and there will be a chance to form a junior Morris side. Mick Scott's workshops for seven to nine-year-olds will be a sort of Recycled Marching Band meets the X-Factor, and popular favourites Toddler's Singalong, Story Time for the over-threes and English country dancing will all be back."

For many years the festival has provided the daily Hobby Horse Club for children, which keeps young festival-goers entertained in the mornings with appearances by Clarence the Dragon and the Hooden Horses. But there is even more on offer for youngsters this year and they will even have the chance to learn an instrument, rehearse with a band and perform live on stage at the end of the week.

This year the festival will be opened by Charlie Dore and the Hula Valley Orchestra, whose hit single Pilot of the Airwaves will be known to audiences.

Other highlights of the week include performances by the Demon Barber Road Show, the Shee, Mawkin:Causley, Chris While and Julie Matthews, Pama International and many, many more. The programme even features a silent folk electronica disco and begins, as ever, with a torchlight procession on Saturday.

Also performing is American singer-songwriter Rachel Harrigan, who has just embarked on an extensive UK tour. She will perform with Rod Clements, founding member of Lindisfarne and a renowned guitar and dobro player. They will be performing songs from Harrigan's latest album, along with her first two releases, The Bootlegger's Daughter and City of Refuge. Harrigan and Clements can be seen at the concert marquee in Pierremont Park at 2.30pm on Tuesday.



FESTIVAL LINE-UP:

Clockwise from above; Charlie Dore and the Hula Valley Orchestra; Chris While and Julie Matthews; The Shee and Rachel Harrington are among the 600 artists taking part in this year's Broadstairs Folk Week



There are more than 70 workshops taking place across the week, giving festival-goers of all ages the chance to try out such diverse skills as Appalachian clogging, banjo-picking and Bollywood dance.

Music will be performed everywhere from the big concert marquee to pubs throughout

the town and there will also be a craft fair, with the chance to make a holiday of it at the festival campsite.

For full event listings and booking information visit the website at www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk or call the box office on 01843 604080.



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ALL SHOOK UP

Wednesday, August 11, to Saturday, August 14
Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone



DUST off those blue suede shoes and get ready to rock 'n' roll with the musical, All Shook Up.

Local drama company Lights Up Production has teamed up with Folkestone-Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society to stage the show. Inspired by the music of Elvis Presley, the show is a trip down memory lane for fans of 50s and 60s music.

Talented young performers will be bringing the swinging spirit to the stage in a show that features the music of Elvis, although it is not about the star.

"I loved last year's show,

Footloose, but this is going to be bigger and better," said Max Reynolds, the show's director.

"I have a superb cast of vibrant young players and a crack technical team. This may very well be the South East's best show this year. Working with the FHODS team at the Tower Theatre is a dream."

Tickets cost £12/£10, with a special price of £8 for the opening night. To find out more and to book tickets call the box office on 01303 223925 or visit the website at www.towertheatre-folkestone.co.uk.



QUEX PARK MAIZE MAZE

Running until early September, Quex Park, Birchington

GET lost in nature at Quex Park with the attraction's Africa-themed Maize Maze.

Visitors are invited to accept the challenge of finding their way through the intriguing maze, which this year is designed in the shape of an ostrich and its chick.

Admission to the maze costs £1.50 per person and the price includes a quiz and a puzzle sheet to guide intrepid explorers through the maze.

With its African theme, the quiz is educational and helps visitors to discover more about the fascinating continent.

With its relaxing expanses of trees and parkland, Quex Park is a beautiful 250-acre site set within a larger 1,800-acre estate. Planted by John Powell-Powell in the 19th century, the many trees provide a haven for more than 50 bird species.

The park also includes Quex House, dating from 1805 and the 1819 Waterloo Bell Tower, with its very rare secular peal of 12 bells.

The Maize Maze is open from 10am to 6pm, seven days a week. To find out more about attractions and events at Quex Park visit www.quexpark.co.uk.

SUMMER AT HOLE PARK GARDENS

Ongoing, Hole Park Gardens, Rolvenden

ESCAPE to paradise at Hole Park Gardens where the exotic border is lighting up the days.

With their vibrant colours and striking shapes, the plants in the border are at their best in summer and early autumn. Plants include cannas, daturas or angel's trumpets and solanum laciniatum, otherwise known as the kangaroo apple.

Keen to ring the changes each year, head gardener Quentin Stark adds exciting new plants to give even regular visitors a nice surprise. This year, the border features the strong pink flowers of salvia involucrata 'Bethellii', contrasted with the dark black and blue of salvia guarantica. With the hairy leaves and white flowers of the sparmannia Africana, or house lime, the rare yrachycarpus princeps palm tree and the red Abyssinian banana tree, the border is an unmissable highlight of any visit.

Hole Park Gardens are open from 2pm to 6pm, every Wednesday and Thursday until October 31. Tickets cost £5 for adults and 50p for children. For details call 01580 241344 or visit the website at www.holepark.com.



X

Friday, August 13, to Sunday, August 22
Quex Park, Birchington



VENTURE out if you dare and find out if the curse of 'X' will strike again next week.

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With a reputation for producing unique and memorable work, Fireraisers have performed in such diverse locations as Selfridges' shop window on Oxford Street in London and an oilrig off Brighton Beach, where their production of The Tempest attracted a record audience of 35,000 people.

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday, August 4, Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch

GET involved in the celebrations as Canterbury Oast Trust marks its 25th anniversary today.

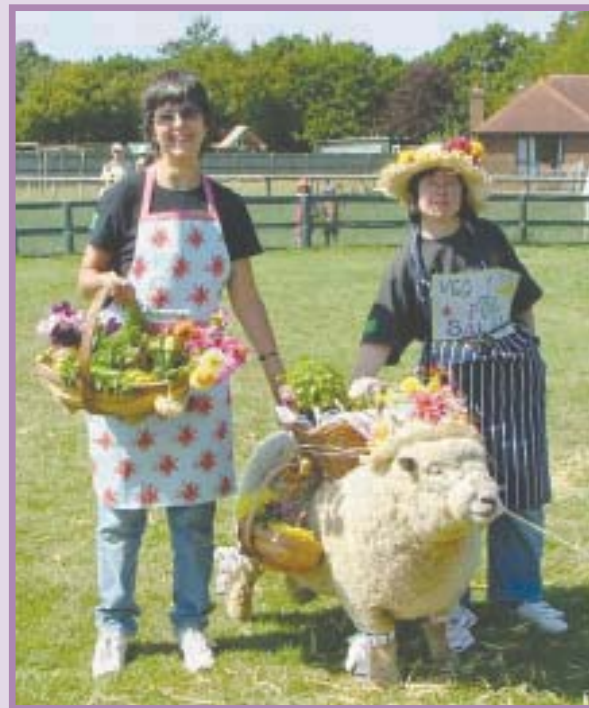
Visitors are invited to join in the revelry at the attraction's Fun Day which is packed with exciting family activities. Some of the highlights include pig washing, pig racing, the Mini Show and seeing who can boast the best costume in the Animal Fancy Dress Competition.

Anyone who thinks they have good balance and co-ordination can try their hand at circus skills or hang on as long as they can on the ferocious rodeo bull.

A mini funfair offers a variety of rides and visitors can also see Tanya Larrigan's famed Mini Marvels, the Shetland pony display team which has performed for Her Majesty the Queen.

There will also be an exhibition showcasing the work of the Canterbury Oast Trust, which provides opportunities for people with learning difficulties.

The Rare Breeds Centre is open from 10.30am to 5.30pm daily and on the Fun Day, there will be a special entrance price of £5 per person and free admission for under-threes. For details call 01233 861493 or visit www.rarebreeds.org.uk.



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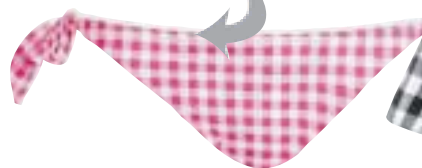
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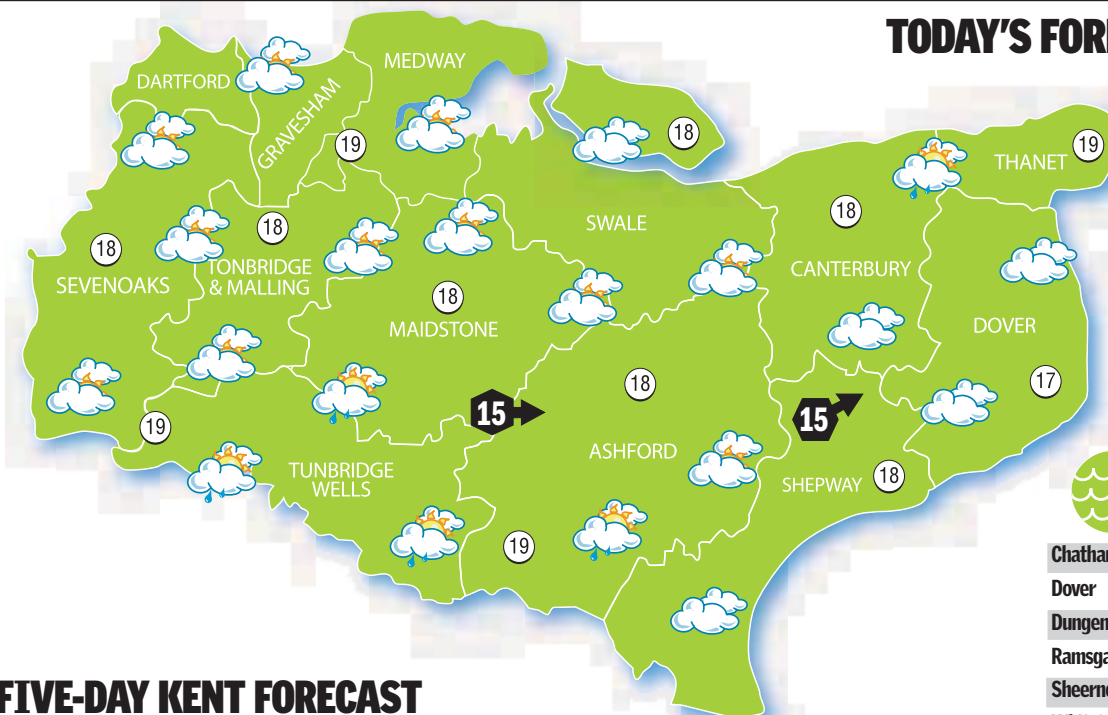


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Beijing	29°C	Rome	29°C
Bombay	29°C	Sydney	15°C
Cape Town	16°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	20°C	Tokyo	32°C
Gibraltar	26°C	Vancouver	18°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	27°C
Las Palmas	26°C	Wellington	14°C



KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

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Dover	Saturday	9:21am 5.7m	Sunday	10:20am 6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	9:21am 6.3m	Sunday	10:21am 6.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:51am 4.3m	Sunday	10:50am 4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:43am 5.0m	Sunday	11:49am 5.3m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:43am 4.7m	Sunday	11:52am 5.0m

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The A-Team are back with a plan that doesn't quite come together

■ BY DAMON SMITH

IT HAS been more than 25 years since George Peppard chewed on a cigar and uttered the immortal line "I love it when a plan comes together!"

Joe Carnahan's big screen revamp of The A-Team doesn't quite come together, lacking the low-rent charm of the original.

Indeed, nothing is impossible in this all-guns-blazing adventure for Colonel John 'Hannibal' Smith (Liam Neeson), Lieutenant Templeton 'Face' Peck (Bradley Cooper), Captain 'Howlin' Mad' Murdoch (Sharlto Copley) and Sergeant Bosco 'B.A.' Baracus (Quinton 'Rampage' Jackson).

Framed for the murder of their good friend, General Morrison (Gerald McRaney), the enterprising soldiers break out of military prison and hijack a plane, which is subsequently shot down by military gunships.

The quick-thinking quartet leap into an armoured tank – handily parked in the hold – just before the plane explodes, then parachute to terra firma at breakneck speed, shooting down the gunships using the tank's weapons systems.

Jessica Biel's plucky heroine, newly-demoted army lieutenant Charissa Sosa, isn't kidding when she observes: "They are the best... and they specialise in the ridiculous."

She gives chase along with tenacious CIA agent Lynch (Patrick Wilson) and his underlings.

The A-Team is preposterous, asking us to believe that each member of the squad possesses split-second timing to rescue their buddies from almost certain death.

Villains help the cause by delaying executions until the last second, as if they are expecting their plans to be thwarted.

Sure enough they are, reaching a crescendo with an overblown final showdown at the docks, on a ship laden with cargo containers.



TOP TEAM: Bradley Cooper as 'Face' Peck, Quinton 'Rampage' Jackson as BA Baracus, Sharlto Copley as 'Howlin Mad' Murdoch, and Liam Neeson as Hannibal Smith

Neeson is miscast in a role that demands far more charisma as the master tactician who vows: "I'd rather face a firing squad than betray you guys."

Thankfully, Cooper is a perfect fit for an incorrigible ladies' man, merrily flaunting his washboard abs to pique the interest of wives and girlfriends in the audience.

Copley is often unintelligible as "a functioning lunatic", who paints his face blue and pretends to be Braveheart, riding a hobbyhorse into battle against the English.

He bickers incessantly with Jackson's hard

man, who has the words PITY and FOOL tattooed across his knuckles.

Biel is surplus to requirements but Wilson has a ball as a dashing yet unconventional spook, who treats his perilous mission like a fun day out.

It's no surprise when Charissa berates Lynch for riding roughshod over her agents and he cheekily retorts: "CIA's got rules. They're just cooler than yours."

Carnahan augments most scenes with flashy special effects and a booming orchestral score from Alan Silvestri that seems to have

only one volume setting: deafening.

At least the theme tune is still recognisable beneath all of the clatter.

For die-hard fans, Carnahan affectionately pays tribute to the TV version with cameos from Dirk Benedict and Dwight Schultz, aka the original Face and Murdoch, after the end credits.

THE A-TEAM 
Certificate 12A



OLD MASTERS: Sandi Toksvig and Eric Knowles present Antiques Master



YOUR TV REVIEW ANTIQUES MASTER: BBC2, 8.30pm, Tuesday

LAST Tuesday, thoroughly deflated by my lack of ability to answer any of the questions on University Challenge, I found I had drifted into watching the next programme on BBC 2's schedule, Antiques Master.

The programme is presented by Sandi Toksvig and Antiques Roadshow regular Eric Knowles. It is a sort of Master Chef for antiques aimed at finding the country's top amateur expert in old stuff.

The start of the programme didn't look promising. The four contestants on show weren't exactly a bunch of lookers. In fact, they were as gnarled and worn-out as the furniture they had been asked to comment on.

The programme itself can't have cost an arm or a Chippendale leg to make either. The set dressing did a remarkable job of making a genuine stately home look cheap and the

■ BY ED HILL

sound appeared to have been recorded through an old baked bean tin and a length of string.

However, having laughed ungenerously at these losers and their boring interest in the bits of bone china and fascination with French glassware, I found myself strangely drawn into the programme.

It wasn't the objects on display – quite frankly, I couldn't care less about the commode masquerading as a writing desk or the Worcester cup with its hand-painted Chinese design that was a lot older than everyone imagined.


No, it was the people. At first they looked like the sort of hard-faced cads who might prey on your granny, offering her 50p for the Faberge ash-

tray she keeps her cotton buds in.

But as the programme went on, they became the most unassuming quiz hopefuls ever. I felt sorry for the psychologist from London who failed to get any points in the mystery object round. She looked so upset when she was booted out, not because she was desperate to win but because of the sheer embarrassment of it all.

Even the chap in the tweed jacket and bow tie, who I took an instant dislike to, turned out to be a bit of a bumbler, telling Sandy he was "utterly hopeless" when he got the value of a dining table wrong.

The contestants were all refreshingly nervous, unlike most of the public on the box these days who are primed to be as bubbly as possible. It is like watching a genuine Victorian parlour game on your flatscreen TV.



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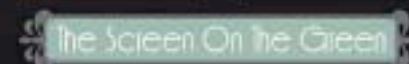
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It's getting Hevy at Port Lympne



LEGENDS: Sepultura will be one of the headline acts at this year's Hevy Festival

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE hardcore Hevy Festival takes over Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in two days' time.

The rock-fuelled three-day event will host some of the world's loudest, angriest and darkest bands across four stages.

Headliners include legendary Brazilian metallers Sepultura and Birmingham's hardest rockers Napalm Death.

The main stage boasts the likes of Gallows, F*cked Up and Rolo Tomassi (Saturday) and Glassjaw, The King Blues and Medina Lake (Sunday).

Meanwhile, the Rock Sound Stage will play host to Dananananaykroyd, Pulled Apart by Horses and March of the Raptors on Saturday and Sepultura, Napalm Death and The Black Dahlia Murder the following day.

Kentish talent comes by way of Pay No Respect, Breaking the Day, Alaska, Tyrannosaurus Alan, Lost in Colour and Bareface, among others.

Hevy bosses have also laid on non-music related entertainment for their paying punters, with a series of Gladiators-inspired fun fair rides.

Look out for Chaos, Superstar and Storm.

Hevy co-founders James Dutton and Claire Baker said the festival will be one to remember.

In a joint statement they said: "With a brand new venue and some awesome plans, this year's festival is what we've always wanted to bring to Kent – it's going to be huge!

"There's some fantastic little festivals down here that offer a great family-friendly product. But we've always felt there's a need in this corner of the UK for something a little heavier, and that's what we hope to be – Kent's alternative music festival.

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MUSIC FESTIVAL: A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm



BAND PRACTICE: Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



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- 1 Happy Daze - 14/8 Canterbury Conservative Club
- 2 Craig Sheridan - 15/8 King Edward 7th Pub in Dover
- 3 Stereohype - 20/8 Sellindge Music Festival
- 4 Flipswitch - 21/8 Maidens Head Canterbury
- 5 Fred Clark - 01/0 Hazlitt Theatre Maidstone

and some hand-picked, state-of-the-art thrill rides – everything on site is totally focused at the alternative market.

"And at just £69 for a weekend camping ticket, it's seriously good value too.

"Brace yourself, this is going to be epic."

Hevy takes place at Port Lympne from Friday, August 6 to Sunday 8.

For more information visit www.festival.hevy.co.uk.



A FRENCH VIEW: Quaint villages, history and stunning architecture are just some of the attractions when you visit Ardennes in France

yourgetaways

Visiting beautiful Ardennes is just a train ride away...

■ BY KATE WHITING

THE Ardennes, an area spanning the border between Brussels and France, has all the joys of the Gallic country's most popular attributes – quaint villages, stunning architecture, a rich history – without the crowds, and sadly also without its own wine.

In times of unreliable air travel, another big attraction is the area is well served by the high speed TGV train, and can be reached within a couple of hours from Paris.

It took us a morning to get from London to Charleville-Mezieres – the twinned cities which serve as the Ardennes' central hub – by Eurostar and TGV.

Best known as the birthplace of the poet Arthur Rimbaud, the city is incredibly proud of its heritage.

Rimbaud, sadly, was less proud of his birthplace and spent most of his youth trying to escape, eventually living in places as far flung as Ethiopia.

Among Charleville's other attractions is the Place Ducale, a Louis XIII square, built, like the city itself, by the young Italian prince Charles de Gonzague to rival Paris's Place des Vosges.

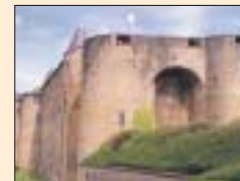
The Great Puppeteer's Clock on the facade of the Puppetry Institute is also worth a visit. Every hour the mechanical Great Puppeteer treats his spectators to a show, and every couple of years the city hosts the world's biggest puppetry festival.

After a day's sightseeing I was looking forward to the highlight of the trip: two nights staying in a castle.

Just half an hour from Charleville is the town of Sedan, which is over-

FACT FILE: ARDENNES

Population	65 million
Currency	Euro
Language	French
Time difference	+ one hour (GMT)
Religion	Roman Catholic



Kate Whiting was a guest of Ardennes Tourism, which lists short breaks on its website at www.ardennes.com/uk. Two-night hotel short breaks from around 130 euros per person include breakfast, dinner and a welcome drink.

Double rooms at Hotel Le Chateau Fort (www.hotel-fp-sedan.com) start around £130. Breakfast is extra.

For travel by Eurostar to Charleville-Mezieres, via Lille or Paris, Rail Europe standard class returns start at £92 per person.

Rail Europe reservations: 0844 848 4070 and www.raileurope.co.uk. Car hire in Charleville-Mezieres costs from £291 for three days for a Renault Twingo, supplied by Hertz. Reservations: www.hertz.co.uk.

looked by the largest fortified castle in Europe, Chateau de Sedan.

The only small disappointment is that the owners haven't capitalised on its history. Rooms are done up simply, without four-poster beds or period furniture.

Fortunately the restaurant makes up for this oversight. With views over the courtyard and the fort's many turrets, a roaring log fire, and sumptuous paintings and red curtains. And the food is exquisite.

For lunch, we ventured out of the hotel and tried the effortlessly rustic Brasserie Artisanale du Chateau Fort, just opposite the entrance to the Historium.

Next stop was the peaceful Abbey Church and the Musee du Feutre (felt museum) in the town of Mouzon.

After another night at the Hotel Le Chateau, we headed for the hills, literally.

Near Olizy Primat, in the south of the Ardennes, is the Parc Argonne

Decouverte, which allows visitors to see nocturnal animals by day.

In a fenced compound along a discovery trail in the woods, lay a wolf, while in the park's darkened indoor mini zoo, UV lights reveal the scurrying of teeny harvest mice. Not a trip for the faint-hearted!

A warm goat's cheese salad and a glass of red wine in the "tree tops restaurant" calmed my nerves before our next stop, a museum of the Ardennes' metal-working history at the Domaine de Vendresse.

Our bed for the night was in the sweet village of Jandun at Jocelyne Bournonville's Chambre d'Hotes (www.milaville.com).

More than a B&B, these French institutions offer a home-cooked meal with fellow travellers.

A scenic drive along the Meuse valley back to Charleville, with stops at the star-shaped fortifications of Rocroi and the town of Montherme, provided a beautiful end to our trip.

MOTORS NEWS



Third generation puts its Focus on endurance

FORD has committed to making the third generation Focus as tough as it is elegant – not that the current car is unreliable.

The UK market leader says pre-production versions – due next spring – have been thrashed over frozen lakes, hammered across deserts, and driven overloaded up high Alpine passes to test endurance.

The Focus remains a UK best-seller but – a sign of the times – has lost a once impregnable number one slot to its smaller stablemate, the Fiesta.



Join the Ibiza lifestyle club with Seat's new ST

CARMAKERS' efforts to create a smart supermini lifestyle estate have been patchy, but Seat has hit the spot with the new Ibiza ST launched this month, priced from £12,070.

It joins the sporty Ibiza SC and practical Ibiza five-door to offer more carrying capacity – the 430 litres of 'seats-up' boot space marks a rise of 138 litres against the five-door – without compromising the Spanish brand's racy image. It also comes with sporty turbocharged petrol engines as well as frugal turbodiesels.



Fiat plays its BlackJack 500 hand for the gents

ADDITIONAL female buyers have been attracted to the Fiat 500 cult car by the Pink special edition.

The Italian marque has now balanced this with one for the boys – the BlackJack (from £12,165) – a timely reminder that guys can be seen to drive the retro-styled baby car.

But they must be quick as just 200 of the matt black specials will be sold, based on the existing 1.2 and 1.4 Sport and featuring metallic exterior highlights plus matt black alloys and red brake callipers.



REAL DEAL: Despite a gimmicky interior the new BMW 5-Series is slightly larger than its predecessor and has a longer wheelbase allowing both driver and passengers extra legroom

Jumbo's imprint fails to dent this classy 5-Series

BMW's all-new 5-Series has a bonnet apparently sculpted by the weight of an elephant's backside.

But the latest 'Five' (from £31,360) is still classier and sleeker than its impressive predecessor and the fit and finish and materials quality is peerless.

It's gimmicky inside though: I found the sounds/sat nav iDrive interface irritating and the 'ergonomic' auto gearbox selector is also ugly and fussy to use – until you get used to it.

Once under way though, my mutterings subsided; this new BMW is a true class act and there's even a piece of new technology that I do like – the 'head-up' display for the speed.

Despite being slightly larger than before, the car feels nimble and bowls along beautifully with the use of aluminium for some bodywork, enhancing the natural balance of BMW's classic rear-wheel drive layout.

This adds to a mix of sure-footed handling and out-and-out cruising comfort that counter-attacks its arch-rival, the Jaguar XF.

The £1,495 extra for the 5-Series' eight-speed auto 'box also looks like money well spent; not only are the changes silky smooth whether in

ROAD TEST BMW 5-SERIES

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY	OUT OF FIVE
Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

auto or manual mode but, in the case of our £37,175 530d SE diesel test car, it manages to lower CO2 emissions (160g/km) enough to limbo beneath the upper limit on road tax bracket G thereby incurring a flat £155/year.

The six-speed manual's 166g/km though means a £250 hit in year one plus £180 thereafter and there will be benefit in kind consequences too.

On paper, the auto is marginally better on fuel as well – the official combined mpg is 45.6 against 44.8 for the manual – and yet both cars can leap smoothly to 62mph in just 6.3 seconds.

The lightweight 245bhp in-line six-cylinder diesel is a delight, delivering power freely and smoothly with a barely audible burble worthy of a V8 petrol unit.

The BMW also has a clear edge over the rival Jag in cabin space, where the new model's longer wheelbase allows even more legroom than before and greater passenger comfort, yet the boot appears more cavernous.

I was also impressed by the amount of kit that comes as standard – not a comment made often on BMWs in the past, especially so soon after launch.



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Small price rise shows lack of market stability

THE growing uncertainty surrounding the stability of the UK residential housing market has been confirmed in the tentative rise in house prices recorded by Communities and Local Government.

Figures indicate that the average price of a UK home increased by 0.7 per cent between May and April, just 11 per cent higher than in May 2009, Government statistics show.

The adjusted average house price in the UK for May stood at £209,505, reflecting just 1.7 per cent growth for the preceding three months.

This month-on-month increase stands in contrast to the small increase recorded in the Nationwide Building Society figures and the declines reported by Halifax and the Land Registry for the same month.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors chief economist Simon Rubinssohn suggested that "low transaction volumes" are adding to "volatility of the individual series".

Villagers 'being forced out by cost of homes'

YOUNG people in rural areas are finding it increasingly difficult to get on to the property ladder, according to PricedOut.org.uk.

The lobby group's press officer Katy John claims that affordability in the countryside is an increasing problem, with the average property now costing 10 times the average salary.

It is therefore time that the government recognises what effect the buy-to-let boom and the demand for second houses has had, she added.

In the latest research from the National Housing Federation, it was revealed that 65 per cent of people living in the countryside feel that first-time buyers are being forced out of their local villages by high house prices.

"The Government needs to establish and meet clear targets for building more homes in rural areas, particularly suitable homes for young families trying to get on the housing ladder."



'Right to Build' proposal to bypass planning laws

■ BY NICK AMES

VILLAGES will be able to build new homes without getting planning permission from their local authority if the Government's 'Right to Build' proposals come into effect.

The plan is meant to deliver the dual benefits of increasing the amount of affordable homes in rural areas and giving more power to local communities, as mapped out in Prime Minister David Cameron's Big Society proposals.

It is an attempt to move power in planning away from local authorities and enable villagers to have far more of a say in what is going to be constructed.

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Housing minister Grant Shapps has said the idea is that small developments of fewer than 20 homes can be built without planning permission.

Voting on proposals would be carried out during local elections and the Government says a large mandate in favour – maybe up to 80 per cent – would be necessary for the development plans to go ahead.

Mr Shapps said: "Loads of people in village communities are saying 'Our school's closing, our post offices are under threat, we're losing our community facilities'."

"Our problem is that the young people grow up and find they can't afford to live in this village any more."

"We believe that people have a right to stay in their community, and if people want to build that community to make it a bit bigger and expand it a bit, within reason, they should have the powers to do that."

But the Campaign to Protect Rural England



VILLAGE HOMES: Small developments might not need planning permission under the Right to Build scheme

(CPRE) said that the proposal needs a little more thought.

"A more democratic approach to house building is welcome, as local people should always be given a say in development," said the CPRE's head of planning Fiona Howie.

"We are pleased that the Government is considering how to protect and enhance rural village life, and delivering affordable housing in rural areas will be a critical part of this."

"However, bypassing the planning process is not the way to deliver it, and any proposals should include proper planning scrutiny."

"The level and location of development should be informed by a proper assessment of

local housing need and an understanding of whether the local environment can accommodate more development."

"This capacity should be assessed through democratic local plans, and not a simple ballot."

"A central part of the Government's wider planning reform proposals is to give local communities a pivotal role in shaping local plans. "The Government should focus its efforts on getting these broader reforms right, so that local communities are truly involved in planning for their area as a whole."

"This, rather than a new Right to Build, should ensure local people are able to shape future development in their areas."

Rise in sales 'unlikely to be sustained'

NEW figures from HM Revenue & Customs show the number of homes sold in the UK rising to 86,000 in June.

Completed transactions on properties worth over £40,000 increased by an annual 15 per cent having leapt 21 per cent in May.

The summer bounce also took volumes for the first six months of the year up 21 per cent on the comparable period of 2009.

However, housing market activity remains weak and analysts predict a flat second half of the year at best in terms of prices and sales.

An influx of new instructions for sale follow-

ing the abolition of Home Information Packs is putting pressure on prices while new buyer enquiries remain restricted by a lack of mortgage finance.

Halifax reported a 0.6 per cent fall in the average value of a home in June, with the annual rate of gain easing back to 6.3 per cent, and according to Rightmove, home owners coming onto the market are dropping asking prices, for the first time this year.

The property portal has detected a 0.6 per cent decline in the average new vendor's ambitions in July, amounting to £1,435 in cash.



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- Rear garden

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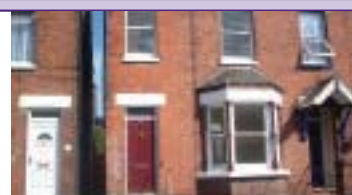

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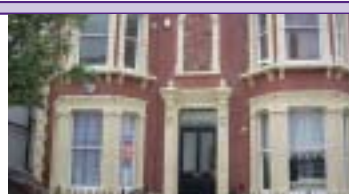

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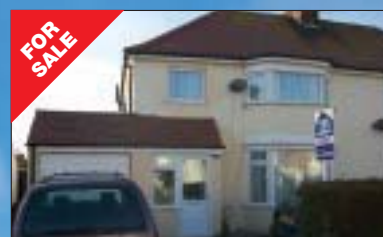
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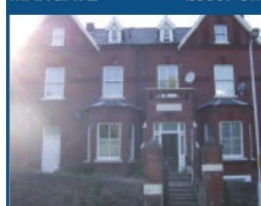
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Kent League Division Two

Hayes 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

PROMOTION is now just five games away for Broadstairs but they are not making things easy for themselves after slipping to a losing draw at struggling Hayes.

Scott Narraway's side remain second, 25 points clear of third-placed Dartford, despite toiling unexpectedly against a side with just two league wins to their name all season.

Batting first, Hayes suffered an early setback when Daniel Rees departed for one, but Adam Dicker (33) and Jamie Askew (81) put them firmly back in the driving seat.

The Broadstairs bowlers had a day to forget, with the exception of Bradley Ellison, whose 15 overs cost just 33 runs and yielded two wickets.

Beau Couldrey hit 55 to further pressurise the visitors and Tanieen Chowdhury's 44 boosted the Hayes total to 265 for 5 from their 50 overs.

Broadstairs also lost an opener cheaply in their run-chase when Jake Benfield was caught off the bowling of Stuart Eddicott for three, but they recovered to produce something of a fight-back.

A captain's innings of 50 from Narraway settled the visitors and Neil Brennan reached 96 before he was run out to leave the game in the balance.

Two quick wickets gave Hayes late hope of sealing an impressive victory, but Broadstairs safely negotiated the last few overs to salvage a draw and vital league points.

A trip to Catford and Cyphers awaits Narraway's title challengers on Saturday, with Broadstairs knowing the prospect of promotion now lies in their own hands.

Broadstairs bowlers have

a day to forget at Hayes



SLIP-UP: Broadstairs (batting) still hold a 25-point lead in the league but they stuttered to a losing draw against lowly Hayes

SCORE CARD

Hayes 1st XI

	Runs
Adam Dicker	ct Benfield b B Ellison.....33
Daniel Rees	ct S Narraway b B Ellison.....1
Jamie Askew	ct Simpson b Tong.....81
Beau Couldrey	st Brennan b Ross.....55
David Cross	ct Tong b L Narraway.....1
Sam Dowsett	not out.....22
Tanjeen Chowdhury	not out.....44
Joel Couldrey	did not bat.....
Stuart Eddicott	did not bat.....
Andrew Eddicott	did not bat.....
Ashley Quayle	did not bat.....

Extras (3b 6lb 11w 8nb).....28

Total (5 wickets, 50 overs).....265

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Bradley Ellison	15	4	33	2
Liam Narraway	13	1	82	1
Michael Ross	12	2	60	1
Ashley Ellison	5	0	32	0
Iain Tong	5	0	49	1

Broadstairs 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Ross	ct Cross b Couldrey.....38
Jake Benfield	ct Chowdhury b S Eddicott.....3
Alex Hogben	ct Couldrey b Quayle.....26
Scott Narraway	ct A Eddicott b Couldrey.....50
Neil Brennan	run out.....96
Bradley Ellison	ct S Eddicott b Askew.....4
Iain Tong	run out.....0
Brian Simpson	not out.....5
Liam Narraway	not out.....5
Ashley Ellison	did not bat.....
Sean Overbury	did not bat.....

Extras (5b 7lb 2w).....14

Total (7 wickets, 50 overs).....242

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew Eddicott	5	1	24	0
Stuart Eddicott	9	2	16	1
Joel Couldrey	8	0	38	1
Ashley Quayle	9	0	48	1
Jamie Askew	14	0	72	1
Beau Couldrey	5	0	32	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Beckenham 1st XI

A FAILURE with the bat saw Sandwich Town slip to a losing draw against Beckenham which saw them fall out of the promotion places.

Beckenham eased themselves into a winning position thanks to a second wicket stand worth 142 between Chris Isles (121) and Raza Ali Dar (73). Only Alan Amos (3 for 49) was able to make an impact with the ball.

A half-century from Vishaul Singh kept Sandwich's hopes alive after an indifferent start. But no one else could pass 30 and as the wickets fell the priority switched to avoiding defeat.

Beckenham 1st XI

	Runs
Chris Isles	st Lawrence b Amos.....121
Jason Billimoria	ct Singh b Spanton.....11
Raza Ali Dar	b Amos.....73
John Malcolm	ct Singh b Amos.....13
James Evans	not out.....6
Ollie Waite	run out.....0
Duncan Spencer	not out.....0
Ross Piller	did not bat.....
Ankit Patel	did not bat.....
Ashley Forde	did not bat.....
Mudit Dayal	did not bat.....

Extras.....(4b 7lb 1w).....12

Total.....(5 wickets, 50 overs).....236

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	2	63	1
Tom Chapman	7	0	31	0
Matthew van Poppel	11	2	48	0
Alan Amos	12	1	49	3
Oliver Robinson	5	0	34	0

Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell	ct Evans b Forde.....16
David Scoggins	b Ali Dar.....0
Robert Goatham	lbw b Patel.....23
Vishaul Singh	st Spencer b Dayal.....53
Oliver Robinson	ct Spencer b Malcolm.....28
Stuart Smith	not out.....23
Tom Chapman	ct Waite b Malcolm.....1
Gavin Lawrence	ct Spencer b Malcolm.....5
Craig Spanton	b Malcolm.....1
Matthew van Poppel	not out.....0
Alan Amos	did not bat.....

Extras.....(2b 2lb 1w 8nb).....13

Total.....(8 wickets, 50 overs).....163

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ashley Forde	6	0	37	1
Raza Ali Dar	15	6	27	1
Ankit Patel	8	1	40	1
John Malcolm	15	3	44	4
Mudit Dayal	6	1	22	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Old Brockleians 1st v Westgate-on-Sea 1st

CHRIS Flint hit 63 as Westgate comfortably saw off Old Brockleians to win by six wickets on Saturday.

The home side, having been put in to bat, were bowled out for 178 as Paul Reeves fell one run short of a century, with Westgate's Brian Andrews taking 4 for 37.

It took until the 49th over for Westgate to reach their victory target but Flint's innings, combined with a solid middle-order display, proved enough to secure the win.

Old Brockleians 1st XI

	Runs
Andy Lazenby	ct Sandwell b Heathcote.....4
Paul Reeves	ct Holden b Andrews.....99
Oliver Barnes	ct Sandwell b Heathcote.....14
Conal Howells	ct Sandwell b Heathcote.....4
Sam Gardiner	ct Watford b Andrews.....17
Eddie Holder	b Andrews.....0
Adam Watts	ct Baxter b Holden.....15
Nick Fifield	ct Finch b Baxter.....3
Andy Cripps	ct Watford b Andrews.....5
Gary Coasby	ct Watford b Baxter.....0
Danny Marshall	not out.....0

Extras.....(1b 6lb 1w 9nb).....17

Total.....(all out, 38.1 overs).....178

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Flint	6	1	43	0
Ross Heathcote	9	2	36	3
Richie Holden	11	0	48	1
Brian Andrews	9.1	1	37	4
Nick Baxter	2	0	7	2

Westgate-On-Sea 1st XI

	Runs
Chris Flint	ct Howells b Holder.....63
Lewis Winch	ct Fifield b Howells.....12
Steve Wood	lbw b Barnes.....26
Nick Sandwell	ct Howells b Watts.....25
Neil Watford	not out.....22
Nick Baxter	not out.....23
Keith Sandwell	did not bat.....
Ross Heathcote	did not bat.....
Brian Andrews	did not bat.....
Richie Holden	did not bat.....
Freddie Day-Shields	did not bat.....

Extras.....(5b 2lb 6w).....13

Total.....(4 wickets, 48.5 overs).....184

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Conal Howells	12	0	50	1
Andy Cripps	7	0	28	0
Paul Reeves	7	1	29	0
Oliver Barnes	6	1	22	1
Adam Watts	7.5	2	26	1
Eddie Holder	8	0	26	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A EAST

Herne Bay 1st XI v Old Hartsdonians 1st XI

JUST four points separate Old Hartsdonians and 1A East leaders Hawkinge following a 53-run win for the Old Boys at Herne Bay.

The visitors posted 252 for 9 from their 46 overs, with Matt Williams top-scoring with 99 and James Moss taking 3 for 46 for the home side. Andrew Driver (38) and Stafford Cox (28) also added useful contributions at the top of the order.

In reply, Gavin Hall (50) and Richard Parker (55) put Bay in a strong position, but they crumbled and finished on 199 for 9.

Old Hartsdonians 1st XI

	Runs
Martin Mackie	ct Roots b Kelly.....0
Andrew Driver	ct Parker b Staunton.....38
Stafford Cox	ct Hall b Staunton.....28
Ben Pugh	b Moss.....8
Matt Williams	b Latham.....99
Josh Smith	b Moss.....2
Aston Smith	ct Das b Mugsith.....11
Bob Strike	ct Hall b Moss.....0
Robert Guild	b Latham.....14
Jake Justice	not out.....13
Jarrett Smith	not out.....4

Extras.....(4b 3lb 28w).....35

Total.....(9 wickets, 46 overs).....252

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Phil Kelly	5	0	27	1
Ross Heathcote	12	2	49	0
Sam Staunton	9	0	45	2
James Moss	9	0	46	3
Mark Latham	9	0	61	2
Abdul Mugsith	2	0	17	1

Herne Bay 1st XI

	Runs
Simon Roots	ct Josh Smith b Justice.....4
Gavin Hall	ct Driver b A Smith.....50
Richard Parker	ct Driver b Mackie.....55
Sam Fruin	ct Josh Smith b A Smith.....4
Sam Staunton	lbw b Mackie.....0
Nikadi Das	st Josh Smith b Mackie.....0
Mark Latham	ct A Smith b Driver.....6
Abdul Mugsith	b Driver.....15
Fred Gillard	not out.....12
Phil Kelly	b Cox.....21
James Moss	not out.....0

Extras.....(7lb 18w 1nb).....26

Total.....(9 wickets, 46 overs).....199

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jake Justice	6	1	29	1
Jarrett Smith	5	0	30	0
Martin Mackie	12	2	39	3
Aston Smith	10	0	46	2
Andrew Driver	6	0	21	2
Bob Strike	3	0	15	0
Stafford Cox	4	0	12	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A EAST

Nelson 1st XI v Whitstable 3rd XI

NELSON thrashed basment side Whitstable 3rds by 140 runs on Saturday to move themselves clear of danger in 1A East.

The home side lost the toss but put in a strong batting display to post 292 for 5, with David Walton (73), Zeeshan Sheikh (54) and Glenn Tift (82 not out) leading the charge.

Whitstable never looked like threatening the total and despite 52 from Tom Phillis, they closed their innings on 152 for 6.

Alan Nicholson and Stuart Cotton, two of eight bowlers used by Nelson, took two wickets each.

Nelson 1st XI

	Runs
David Walton	lbw b Attenborough.....73
Mark Thomas	ct Holness b Sargent.....16
Zeeshan Sheikh	ct Blake b Holness.....54
Neil Roby	ct Attenborough b Holness.....20
Scott Tift	b Holness.....1
Glenn Tift	not out.....82
Stuart Cotton	not out.....18
Amjad Awan	did not bat.....
Duncan Cotton	did not bat.....
Thomas Walton	did not bat.....
Alan Nicholson	did not bat.....

Extras.....(4b 5lb 18w 1nb).....28

Total.....(5 wickets, 46 overs).....292

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jonathan Sargent	9	1	43	1
Mark Blake	9	1	39	0
Ryan Attenborough	8	1	49	1
Adam Cruttenden	6	0	44	0
Luke Blake	3	0	25	0
Tom Phillis	2	0	21	3
Steve Holness	8	1	54	3
Alex Brunetti-Leach	1	0	8	0

Whitstable 3rd XI

	Runs
Steve Holness	ct Sheikh b Awan.....8
Tom Phillis	ct Sheikh b Nicholson.....32
Sully Conid	b D Cotton.....1
Luke Blake	ct Awan b Nicholson.....33
Ryan Attenborough	ct Roby b S Cotton.....22
Alex Brunetti-Leach	not out.....11
Adam Cruttenden	st S Tift b S Cotton.....16
Kashyup Kachhia	did not bat.....
Jonathan Sargent	did not bat.....
David Pay	did not bat.....
Mark Blake	did not bat.....

Extras.....(3lb 5w 1nb).....9

Total.....(6 wickets, 46 overs).....152

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Amjad Awan	5	1	17	1
Duncan Cotton	9	4	27	1
Thomas Walton	7	0	26	0
David Walton	10	2	26	0
Alan Nicholson	6	3	7	2
Zeeshan Sheikh	6	0	19	0
Stuart Cotton	2	0	15	2
Glenn Tift	1	0	12	0

Rams boss closes in on squad for new season

FOOTBALL

THE new Ryman League season is still more than two weeks away but Jim Ward is already close to knowing his starting XI for the trip to Walton & Hersham on August 21.

Ward's Ramsgate side experienced mixed fortunes at the weekend, beating Billericay Town 2-1 on Friday night before crashing to a 7-0 defeat against Ebbsfleet United on Saturday.

The Rams boss made only two changes for the visit of Liam Daish's side and the chasm in fitness and quality was painfully evident in the second-half as the Fleet completely dominated proceedings.

However, Ward insisted the weekend had been beneficial and said his players would learn from the experience.

He said: "The guys, on Friday night, showed their true mettle and they all wanted to play on Saturday against players much better than us. Take nothing away from my boys, but Ebbsfleet were a better side than us.

"I made eight substitutions and even then, the ones on the pitch had legs like jelly.

"They've all learned from it, no-one was given a rolicking – it was an exercise and we had played Billericay the night before. We beat them 2-1 and we deserved to win. As an exercise, the two games were what we wanted."

Midfielder Aaron Beech, who played in both



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BENEFICIAL: Jim Ward (right) said Ramsgate's defeat at the hands of Ebbsfleet (pictured in red) on Saturday was a good learning experience for his players despite the seven-goal drubbing

games, has signed a two-year contract at Southwood, while Sam Cliff – released by local rivals Margate – also featured for the Rams over the weekend.

Sam Frost, a product of the Charlton Athletic youth system, is another new face in the growing Rams squad, while Paul Axon and Dan Dolton are also set to feature for Ward's side in Ryman South.

Beech and Ollie Gray both netted in the

Billericay game, but the Rams were rarely competitive against Ebbsfleet as Scott Ginty bagged a hat-trick and Calum Willock scored twice.

Ward said: "We're fine, I'm not far off my starting XI – if there was a cup final tomorrow I could probably pick the team. There's two we'd like to bring in but at the same time, I wouldn't be concerned if we had to go with the players we've got."

FOOTBALL



Picture: IOR KUPCO

CLIFF-HANGER: Margate boss Iain O'Connell has let striker Sam Cliff go for missing training sessions

Blues boss has no time for slackers

ANOTHER week of transfer business at Hartsdown Park has seen Darren Marsden sign from Herne Bay while striker Sam Cliff has been released.

Margate manager Iain O'Connell is also hoping to secure the signature of Jim Sherman, a tough-tackling midfielder who impressed in the Gate's pre-season draw at Great Wakering Rovers on Saturday.

However, Cliff has been shown the exit door by O'Connell after exasperating the manager by repeatedly failing to attend pre-season training sessions.

A 1-1 draw away to Wakering, O'Connell's previous club, maintained Margate's unbeaten pre-season record and served as further proof that Marsden and Sherman will provide sufficient cover in central midfield.

O'Connell said: "Darren's a good player, he can get the ball and orchestrate stuff, so he's a good addition. He can play in front of the back four and support the forwards. He doesn't look out of place at all and he's played at a higher level before.

"I've offered a deal to a lad called Jim Sherman, so I'm waiting to hear on that. He played with [trialist] Ian Pulman in Australia and Ian recommended him to me. He's a tough-tackling player and he can also pass it."

The Gate's pre-season programme continued last night with a trip to Dover Athletic and O'Connell's side will face Whitstable Town at the Belmont on Saturday, before concluding with a home game against East Thurrock United on August 14.

Cliff will not play a part in the new Ryman Premier season, however, and O'Connell admitted the decision to release the forward had been easy.

"It was a lack of effort and a lack of seeing him," he said. "We've been through it before with Sammy Cliff, not turning up to training. He's a good player, but the other players are training hard and he doesn't turn up."



Picture: IOR KUPCO

TOP-TEN: Jordan Brett (far left), Jamie O'Connor (second left) and Alexander Wilmshurst (far right)

Youngsters' strong display at British championships

SWIMMING

THANET Swim Club displayed their talent on the national stage last week and collected a hatful of top-ten finishes at the British age group championships in Sheffield.

Jordan Brett and Jamie O'Connor were the club's top performers at the championships, with both boys qualifying for four finals and O'Connor finishing third in two races.

Brett, competing in the 11-years age group, finished fourth in the 100m backstroke and 200m individual medley. He came eighth in the 400m individual medley and ninth in the 200m butterfly. The latter race saw O'Connor finish fourth, with club-mate Harry Bradford coming in seventh.

O'Connor provided two of Thanet's highlights as he swam to third in the 11-years 400m and 200m freestyle, with his other final appearance yielding a tenth-placed finish in the 100m freestyle. Alexander Wilmshurst also impressed, finishing third in the finals of both the 11-years 200m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke.

Thanet's only female to reach a final was Laura Craig, who swam to tenth place in the 12-years 100m breaststroke.

Kyriacos Papa-Adams completed a fine Thanet display, swimming to sixth in the 13-years 400m individual medley final and seventh in the 200m individual medley.



TWIN SPEED: (l-r) Tamara and Georgina Anderson achieved national standard in the 100m and 200m respectively

Youngsters set national standard for new club

ATHLETICS

HAVING formed less than four months ago, Thanet Athletics Club already boasts three athletes competing at national standard and the club looks set for further successes.

Twins Tamara and Georgina Anderson both produced superb displays at the Invicta East Kent Open meeting at Canterbury last month and the pair have now been handed national rankings.

Georgina, 13, is ranked 22nd in the country in the 200-metres at under-13 level after running to second-place in 28 seconds flat.

Tamara, meanwhile, jumped 4.40m to finish second in the long jump and won her 100m heat in 13.8 seconds. In the under-13 age group, she is ranked 50th for long jump and 78th for 100m.

The other Thanet athlete to be recognised

nationally is Chantelle Bailey, who finished third in the 100m at under-13 level in a time of 14.9 seconds.

George Pittock won his under-nine 75m heat ahead of club-mates Maisie Macartney and Jacob Brown and there were top-three finishes in the same event for Oliver Davies, Harry Lutz, Daniel Kelly, Hannah Denny and Tanaka Alexander.

Brown also won his under-nine 400m heat while Denny finished third in the long jump and won her 800m heat. Paul Ayers, competing in the under-20 shot putt competition, finished second.

Club coach David Debling said: "Many of our athletes were here for their first competition on the track; they have all done well and they have seen Tamara and Georgina establish themselves among the best in England in their age group. What great inspiration and what fantastic role models."

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